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SUBJECT: DECLASSIFICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT
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1. SEPTTEL ADVISED EMBASSY THAT DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED
SENDING A DECLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT
ON ARGENTINA SENT TO CONGRESSMAN FRASER.
2. AMBASSADOR HILL WAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE CLASSIFIED
VERSION DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. REVISIONS
FOLLOW:

PAGE 2, ARTICLE 3, LINE 26: DELETE "VISIBLE."

PAGE 3, ARTICLE 5, LINE 9: "AFTER" VICE "BEFORE."

PAGE 6, SECOND TICKED SENTENCE READS AS FOLLOWS: "DEEP
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CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF MASS MURDERS, AND THE INDISCRIMI-
NATE KILLINGS OF POLITICAL REFUGEES AND PRIESTS."

PAGE 7, D. 1: "THE AMOUNT OF UNITED STATES SECURITY
ASSISTANCE TO ARGENTINA PROPOSED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977 IS
\$48.4 MILLION IN FOREIGN..."

PAGE 8: REVISED FULL FIRST PARAGRAPH: "SECURITY ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATES OUR DESIRE TO COOPERATE MILITARILY WITH A COUNTRY WHICH HAS 1,000 MILES OF COASTLINE ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REACHING TO CAPE HORN. OUR ASSISTANCE ORIENTS THE ARGENTINE MILITARY PROFESSIONALLY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES, EXPOSING THEM TO OUR TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS. IN RETURN, IT OFFERS THE UNITED STATES THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVED COMMUNICATION WITH THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WHO HAVE ALWAYS INFLUENCED EVENTS IN THEIR COUNTRY AND ARE NOW THE DOMINANT SECTOR. THIS HELPS PROMOTE AND PROTECT OUR VARIOUS INTERESTS AND HELPS ENSURE THAT WE WILL GET A HEARING ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE U.S." KISSINGER

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